

REMARKS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on October 28, 2004. At the time the Examiner mailed the Office Action claims 28 and 30-37 were pending. By way of the present response the Applicants have amended claim 28. As such, claims 28, and 30-37 are now pending. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of all claims now presented.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 28 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Awada, et al., U.S. Publication No. 2002/0126814 (hereinafter "Awada") in view of Lee, U.S. Publication No. 2002/0052195 (hereinafter "Lee").

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's interpretation of Awada. Awada describes a system in which a called party's address book may be updated in response to an incoming call. Specifically, in response to the incoming call, caller ID information is used to search the called party's address book. If a corresponding entry is found, the called party is provided with the set of selectable options illustrated in Figure 4 of Awada. In particular, if an entry already exists, the called party

. . . may be provided with an option to replace the existing entry or discard the new caller-id information. If the user selects to replace the existing entry, the fields of the existing entry are replaced with

values obtained from the newly received caller-id information.
Awada, page 4, ¶ [47].

Thus, instead of updating the pre-existing address book entry with a new phone number as recited in Claim 28 the system in Awada completely replaces the pre-existing address book entry. As a result, Awada teaches away from Claim 28 in which the pre-existing address book entry is updated, not completely replaced.

Lee describes a system in which an entire address book is replaced in response to receipt of an encoded short message. For example, referring to Figure 4, Lee states that

[i]n step 169, the control unit 10 updates the stored general address book with the general address book received in step 161 and then proceeds to step 173. In addition, the control unit 10 stores the general address book received in step 161 to the address book list then proceeds to step 173. Lee, page 4, ¶ [0036].

Thus, instead of updating an address book entry with a new telephone number, Lee also teaches away from Claim 28 by suggesting that the entire address book must be replaced.

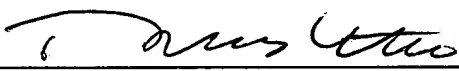
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all rejections have been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account Number 02-2666. If a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Thomas C. Webster at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully Submitted,
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